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Esquires, We will shall be one our Justices to enquire the truth more fully by the oath of good and lawful men of the District aforesaid, by whom the truth of the matter may be the better known of all andall manner of Felonies, Poisonings, Inchantments, Sorceries, Arts, Magick, Trespasses, Forestallings, Regratings, Ingrossings, and Extortions whatsoever, and of all and singular other Crimes and Offences of which the Justices of our Peace may or ought lawfully to enquire by whomsoever, and after what manner soever in the said District done or perpetrated, or which shall happen to be there done or attempted. And also of all those who in the aforesaid District in companies, against our Peace, in disturbance of our people with armed force have gone or rode, or hereafter shall presume to go or ride; And also of all those who have there lain in wait, or hereafter shall presume to lay in wait to maim, or cut, or kill our people; And also of all victuallers and all and singular other persons who in the abuse of Weights or Measures, or in selling Victuals against the form of the Ordinances, Statutes and Laws of our said Province, or any one of them in that behalf made, for the common benefit of our said Province, and our people thereof have offended or attempted, or hereafter shall presume in the said District to offend or attempt; And also of all Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Stewards, Constables, Keepers of Gaols and other Officers, who in the execution of their offices about the premises or any of them, have unduly behaved themselves or hereafter shall presume to behave themselves unduly, or have been or shall happen hereafter to be careless, remiss or negligent in our District aforesaid, and of all and singular articles and circumstances, and all other things whatsoever that concern the premises or any of them by whomsoever and after what manner soever in our aforesaid District done, or perpetrated, or which hereafter shall there happen to be done or attempted in what manner soever, and to inspect all indictments whatsoever so before you or any of you taken, or to be taken or before others late our Justices of the Peace in the aforesaid District made or taken and not yet determined, and to make and continue processes thereupon against all and singular the person so indicted, or who before you hereafter shall happen to be indicted, until they can be taken, surrender themselves, or be outlawed; And to have and determine all and singular the felonies, poisonings, inchantments, sorceries, arts, magick, trespasses, forestallings, regratings, ingrossings, extortions, unlawful assemblies, indictments aforesaid, and all and singular other the premises according to the Laws and Statutes of England and the Laws of our said Province, as in the like case it has been accustomed, or ought to be done, and the same offenders and every of them for their offences by fines, ransoms, amercements, forfeitures and other means as according to the Law and Custom of England or form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, and the Laws of the said Province it has been accustomed or ought to be done, to chastise and punish. Provided always, that if a case of difficulty upon the determination of any of the premisses before you, or any two, or more of you, shall happen to arise, then let Judgment in no wise be thereon given before you, or any two or more of you, unless in the presence of our Chief Justice of our Court of King's Bench of our Province aforesaid, or of one or more of our Justices specially appointed to hold the Assizes in the aforesaid District: And thereupon We command you and every of you that to keeping the Peace, Ordinances, Statutes and all and singular other the premises, you diligently apply yourselves, and that at certain days and places which you or any such two, or more of you as is aforesaid, shall for these purposes appoint into the premises, ye make inquiries and all and singular the premises hear, and determine, and perform, and fulfil them in the aforesaid form, doing therein what to Justice appertains, according to the Law and Custom of England and the Ordinances as above mentioned. Saving to Us the Amercements and other things to Us therefrom belonging, and We command by the tenor of these presents our Sheriff of our said District of Gaspé that at certain days and places, which you, or any such two, or more of you as aforesaid, shall make known to him, he cause to come before you, or such two, or more of you as aforesaid, so many and such good and lawful men of his District and Bailiwick (as well within liberties as without) by whom the truth of the matter in the premisses shall be the better known and enquired into, and lastly We command the Keeper of the Rolls of our Peace of the said District, that he bring before you, and your said fellows at the days and places aforesaid the Writs, Precepts, Proceses and Indictments aforesaid, that they may be inspected and by a due course determined as is aforesaid. In Testimony whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of Lower Canada to be hereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well beloved —

By Draft
11 October 1821
J. Schmidt [?]
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